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# MRRA February 2007 Meeting Minutes

## 13-FEB-07

### AGENDA

**Date** 13 Feb, 2007, 7:00 pm

**Place** Bellegarde Boathouse  
Lowell, MA

#### Attendees

#### Welcome to new Officers

Joe took a few moments to welcome the new board members and officers who were in attendance. Since the former slacker/secretary never published minutes for the December holiday meeting, for the record here are the results of the elections from December:

### Officers for 2007

- **President** - JoeL. Running unopposed, he was re-elected in a landslide.
- **VP** - CarlP, running unopposed, he demanded a recount which ended up validating the original results, so he couldn't get out of the job.
- **Treasurer** - ChurT. In this hotly contested battle, Chur promised cash "considerations" for each vote and was narrowly elected.
- **Secretary** - KentS. Kent was unanimously elected, completing the coup and the installation of the puppet regime headed by Joe. Rioting commenced, but was squelched quickly once everyone realized there was still food and free drink tickets.

### Directors

- Newly elected to a three-year term was KarenS, this term expires in 2009, narrowly elected by a one-vote margin which took three recounts and half a bottle of *Limoncello*.
- For the record, MarkR's 3-yr term expires in 2008

- For the record, LizA's 3-yr term expires in 2007.

#### **Boathouse**

Joe gave an update on boathouse status. Although the \$1M grant is going to expire on June 2007, the title has not yet transferred from the state to UML. The site survey is complete and the transfer should be imminent.

The club has been requested to move out of the office, but no other space is allocated. Joe felt the best plan is to try to move the office related items into the coaching office, and move regatta equipment into storage areas in the work bay. The current offices are going to be used by construction personnel during the renovation. We may need to construct some additional storage, some items discussed were steel cabinets from the fly fishing club, putting down plywood in the attic, and reclaiming some of the cabinets in the work bay.

Rich "Sailor Dude" is liquidating the remains of the sailing program. Anyone interested in a day sailer can apparently acquire one for a good price. Joe thought the club should try to pick up any first aid and safety related equipment for our use. The former sailing area will be used for construction storage during renovation.

#### **Insurance**

Joe reviewed insurance costs for the season, almost double from last year. The cost to the club for up to 75 members (including LearnToRow) is \$1250, and \$1500 for >75 to 150 members. These prices are for the number of "on the water" members, so it might be possible to establish a supporting membership for non-rowers. If all club members were members of USRowing, the price for 75 members would drop to \$900.

#### **Membership Fees**

Membership and storage Fees: last years rates for membership was \$200 for individual or family, \$100 for LTR. Boat rack space was \$200 for singles, \$300 for doubles. The board will establish the new fees for '07 John and Chur need to provide a rough budget proposal to the board for planning.

#### **Regatta Dates**

Tentative regatta dates need to be finalized and put in the calendar at row2k:

- Festival Regatta, Saturday July 7
- Textile River Regatta, Sunday October 7

[Ed Note: These are now up on Row2K after some brief discussion about regatta chairs. Book these dates into your calendar].

#### **Learn To Row**

Learn to Row discussion: Dave and Tom will be handling administration and planning, but hiring a paid coach for the program was discussed. Joe and Carl thought the club could attract some talent through Row2K if a portion of the revenue is allocated to the coach and possibly paid assistant. Volunteers will still be needed to assist with the program. Since the program is always oversubscribed, it might be possible to increase the fee (\$150?) to help fund the coach position.

Minutes submitted by KentS.

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